

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 27 as follows:

27. (Amended) A crawler crane having an upper works rotatably mounted on a lower works, a boom pivotally mounted on said upper works, a load hoist line for lifting loads, said lower works comprising two independently powered crawler assemblies each mounted on a car body, each said crawler assembly being of identical design and comprising a crawler track supported by a crawler frame, wherein each said crawler track is powered by:

a) a hydraulic drive motor mounted on said car body, said drive motor being connected to a hydraulic pump by a plurality of hydraulic hoses;

b) a track drive gear box mounted on said crawler frame and connected to said crawler track, said gear box comprising a right-angle gear set and a speed reduction gear set; and

c) a mechanical drive shaft for transmitting power from said hydraulic drive motor to said crawler drive gear box, said drive shaft comprising a first and a second end, said first end being connected to said drive motor, said second end being connected to said right-angle gear set, wherein both of said connections comprise a universal joint and at least one of said connections is removable to permit disassembly of said crawler assembly from said car body without disconnecting said hydraulic drive motor from said hydraulic pump.

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Claims 1-5, 9-14, 18-22 and 26-29 are pending in the application. Claim 27 has been rewritten to correct a minor typographical error. The changes to the rewritten claim from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A (attached hereto as Tab A), with brackets for deleted matter and underlines for added matter. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 3, 12, 20 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not